

HIGHER TARIFF TO OFFSET CHEAPER TRANSPORTATION.

The campaign book begins its discussion of the tariff question by showing the necessity for increasing tariff, or artificial protection, as "natural protection," or the cost of transporting goods from one country to another decreases. It says that:

"The nations of the world have one by one found it necessary to establish tariff protection to take the place of that protection which distance and high cost of transportation formerly afforded."

This demonstrates that in the minds of the "stand-patters" the tariff is the enemy of science and progress and that it is a great mistake to cheapen the cost of transportation. And yet these same Republicans boast of the fact that they have authorized an expenditure of from \$200,000,000 to \$400,000,000 to construct the Panama Canal. Why? Is it simply to furnish them with another excuse for jacking the tariff up several points? Why spend money to shorten water routes and cheapen transportation costs, if we must proceed promptly to offset these benefits by higher tariff duties?

These "stand-patters" belong to the old school of extreme protectionists who wished that the oceans were walls of fire and who were sorry that each country was not separated from every other country by impassable barriers. They show their inconsistency and lack of faith in their own theories by printing pages of statistics in their campaign book to show the wonderful growth of our foreign commerce under and in spite of Dingleyism.

MILLIONS FOR PHILIPPINES.

Exclusive of soldiers, sailors, and civil officials, there are probably less than 300 Americans in the Philippines and not all of these are to be considered as permanent residents. And yet the Administration has decided to spend millions of dollars in making Manila "A City Beautiful," and additional millions in creating a summer capital in the mountains 100 miles north of Manila, to which the overworked office-holders may retire during the fever-breeding season, which one returning soldier facetiously says "takes in the whole year."

Manila is to be made "The Gem City of the Orient," while the summer loafing place is to be more magnificent than Simla in India, in fact, than any similar retreat in the world. A Chicago architect has been given carte blanche to prepare plans and specifications, and he is about to set sail for a five-months sojourn in the islands. The plan seems to be to give European "imperialists" the grand razzle-dazzle, without regard to cost. And the American people will be called upon to foot the bill.

How do they like the prospect?

ROOSEVELT AND NAPOLEON.

Hon. Edward M. Shepard in a speech made August 31, at Bennington, Vt., aroused a great deal of enthusiasm. After quoting from ex-Gov. Black's eulogy of Theodore Roosevelt, he said:

"Was not Gov. Black right? For did he not speak of a President who has declared his contempt for 'that mock humanitarianism' which would prevent the great liberty-loving nations of the world from going to war, who despises, as he himself has told us, the 'cloistered virtue' which dare not go down into 'the hurly-burly where the men of might contend'?"

"Was he not speaking of a President who, in a hundred speeches, has talked of the 'craven' and the 'weakling' and the 'coward who babbles of peace,' who has preached the 'just man armed' as his dearest gospel, who would have a great army, although, as he said, 'we do not need it in the least for police purposes at home,' but because we need to use it abroad; who, three years before our marauding venture at Panama, declared that 'we must build the Isthmian canal' and must grasp the points 'of vantage,' meaning that we must violate the territory of another nation; who has talked in season and out of season of the 'cant about liberty' and the 'consent of the governed,' who, speaking as the Chief Magistrate of a republic of law and order and peace, which in its men and resources is the most powerful of nations, declared that its maxim should be, 'Speak softly and carry a big stick,' and who has of late in plain terms threatened our neighbors at the South that unless—in their relations not with the United States but with others, for whom we are in no way called upon to act—they 'acted with decency in industrial and political matters,' unless they 'kept order and paid their obligation,' unless the 'governed themselves well,' they might expect our forcible intervention?"

"Where is the parallel for utterances like these by the ruler of a great country since Moscow and Waterloo brought to an end the insolent addresses of the first Napoleon to the monarchs of Europe and the terrified envoys at

A UNITED DEMOCRACY.

The Democrats are united as they have not been before for ten years, and Parker and Davis will receive the normal vote of the party with a good many recruits from their opponents. The Republicans are split into factions on several issues. Nearly all the old Hanna machine men are disgruntled as they see a young element of their party in the saddle, and they will not pull hard on the traces unless they are paid for their work either in money or promises. In West Virginia, Delaware, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Wisconsin the rival Republican factions are intent on defeating each other, and one or the other faction have no faith in or love for candidate Roosevelt, though most of them declare publicly they will vote for him, but many will secretly knife him. In these and other States there are minor factions, and important Republicans who, while keeping within party lines, are opposed to their candidate for President and do not mind saying so in private conversation. The glamor of the Rough Rider has worn off, and the business interests of the country have more weight in politics than the imperialistic element.

That is the great danger to the Rough Rider. The farmers have discovered that the trusts are bleeding them and that the high price of wheat is more than offset by the increased cost of what they buy. The workmen are organizing politically for their protection, for the Republican majority in Congress refused to listen to their prayer for legislation for the Eight Hour bill, the anti-injunction bill and the other lesser laws labor thinks necessary for its salvation. All the Republican leaders favor the open shop, and most of them are openly in sympathy with the party organization of protected trusts and manufacturers. Wages are being reduced and strikes are numerous, and the cost of living is still advancing, which does not inspire confidence in the economic policies of the Republican party of those who are suffering from loss of wages and increased cost of food.

The trusts have decreased the profits of the small storekeepers, while rents and household expenses are higher than ever before, and the opportunities for increased business are monopolized by the great department stores, who can purchase of the trusts at much less than the small storekeeper has to pay. People with limited incomes find their expenses have increased while their revenues are stationary. All these people are inquiring why the trusts should be protected by the tariff in selling their products at the highest possible price here and a much lower price in foreign countries. Many of the voters have discovered that the tariff prevents competition and fosters monopoly, and that the increased cost for their products that the monopolies charge is a much greater tax than the Government receives.

The revenues of the United States are declining and the expenses are greater than ever before in time of peace. Not only have the expenses of the Government increased much faster in proportion than the population, but neither President Roosevelt, his Cabinet, nor the Republican majority in Congress have offered any solution of the problem, but are all intent on "letting well enough alone" and have paralyzed the industries of the country with a do-nothing policy by fighting all proposals for reform.

The government departments are extravagant and filled with grafters which the Republican party has refused to investigate, although evidence was plentiful that but a beginning had been made in exposing the frauds through a partisan investigation of but two bureaus of the Post Office Department.

Knowledge of all these sins of the Republican Party is finding lodgment in the hearts of many voters, and they have determined on a change. Upon the surface of the political field all is still and serene, but there are mutterings in the homes of the farmers, the cottages of the artisan and the tenements of the laboring men that bode ill for the Republican candidates. The still small voice of reason is working more changes of sentiment than the hired and blatant notes of the trust apologist can overcome, bide he never

The Blazer.
The name "blazer" was originally applied to the bright red uniform of the Lady Margaret Boat club of St. John's college, Cambridge. The brilliant scarlet which was the invariable characteristic of the Johnian "blazer" doubtless suggested the name, and as an expressive slang epithet it proved a hit. In course of time the application of the term widened and is now extended to any bright or pale colored flannel jacket, striped or plain, whether for cricket, football, tennis, boating or seaside wear.—London Standard.

He Knew His Man.
During the battle of Waterloo there was a frightful panic in Brussels. It was reported that the allies were beaten, and people were flying in all directions. The Duke of Wellington's cook went on quietly with his duties. He was begged to save himself, but replied, "I have served my master while he fought a hundred battles, and he never got felled to come to his dinner."

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